

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY  
100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Montclair State University. MSU has grown from its humble beginnings as a normal school into one of the premier educational institutions in my home State of New Jersey with over 16,000 students and 465 full-time faculty members.

Building on its proud heritage by continuing to train the Nation's finest teachers, MSU has stayed true to its original mission while developing a comprehensive range of first-class undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. Montclair State University's remarkable growth into the second largest and fastest growing university in New Jersey is a direct result of the university's commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience to a diverse student body reflective of the population of New Jersey.

For 100 years, Montclair State University has remained dedicated to maintaining an outstanding faculty, exceptional teaching, and quality of scholarship. The university is led by a dedicated and talented team that is focused on helping meet many of the pressing educational challenges confronting our Nation. While providing the individual attention of a small college, MSU offers a vast array of majors and concentrations, including the Nation's only doctorate in pedagogy, and New Jersey's only doctorate in audiology.

I applaud the university for maintaining an active role in the local community and greater New Jersey, engaging their students, faculty and staff through such programs as the Center for Community-Based Learning, which bridges the classroom experience with local neighborhoods by addressing community needs and fostering students' community service and professional development.

Madam Speaker, I am proud of Montclair State University's commitment to educating the students of New Jersey, conducting research, and serving local and wider communities, and I applaud the university on its first 100 years of success. I am sure this is only an indication of continued growth and success for many more years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID  
ASHLEY

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor David Ashley, President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and I would like to take this time to recognize the esteemed President of the University. David B. Ashley became the eighth president of UNLV,

in July 2006. Prior to his time at UNLV, Dr. Ashley served as executive vice chancellor and provost at the University of California, Merced. He has also served as dean of engineering at The Ohio State University and has held civil engineering faculty positions at the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Texas at Austin, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His work as an engineer has brought him recognition as a National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator. The American Society of Civil Engineers has honored him with the 2004 Peurifoy Construction Research Award and the 1992 Construction Management Award. In 2000, he received an honorary doctorate from the Chalmers University in Sweden for his academic contributions. Dr. Ashley has worked in many major projects around the world, including expansion of the Panama Canal and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Dr. David B. Ashley, eighth President of UNLV. I congratulate him on his accomplishments and I am certain that he will have continued success leading UNLV. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the school, I thank Dr. Ashley for his dedication to education.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF LUCIANO  
PAVAROTTI

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the notable career of one of the Three Tenors, Luciano Pavarotti, who passed away September 6.

Pavarotti was able to bring diverse audiences together like no one else could. His voice was captivating. Pavarotti's renowned career, which spanned four decades, touched more than 1.5 billion people and his charming performances came to represent what the opera is all about.

But Pavarotti wasn't just a remarkable tenor. He was also well-known for his dedication and extraordinary efforts spent raising money for refugees and the Red Cross. He used his astounding voice to raise funds for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement. In 2005, Pavarotti received the Freedom of the City of London and a Red Cross Award for Services to Humanity.

Pavarotti's humanitarian efforts didn't end there. He joined forces with Diana, Princess of Wales, to raise money for the elimination of land mines and performed benefit concerts to raise money for victims of tragedies. In 1998, Pavarotti was appointed the United Nation's Messenger of Peace. He used his prominence to raise awareness of the Millennium Development Goals, HIV/AIDS, child rights, urban slums and poverty.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, Pavarotti's strong and harmonious voice will be greatly missed but the charitable work he did will be remembered always.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. WELLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on legislative days September 4 through September 7, I was absent caring for my one-year-old daughter.

If I were present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 847, "aye" on rollcall vote 848, "aye" on rollcall vote 849, "aye" on rollcall vote 850, "aye" on rollcall vote 851, "aye" on rollcall vote 852, "aye" on rollcall vote 853, "nay" on rollcall vote 854, "nay" on rollcall vote 855, "nay" on rollcall vote 856, "aye" on rollcall vote 857, "aye" on rollcall vote 858, "aye" on rollcall vote 859, "nay" on rollcall vote 860, "nay" on rollcall vote 861, "nay" on rollcall vote 862, "nay" on rollcall vote 863, "aye" on rollcall vote 864.

RECOGNIZING 3RD ANNUAL UNITY  
DAY USA

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. I rise today to commend the Foundation for Pluralism on the 3rd Annual Unity Day USA.

Unity Day USA has taken the initiative to remember one of the greatest tragedies in the history of our nation by brining about a positive response to the tragedy of 9/11. This day honors thousands of Americans who sacrificed their lives by committing to make this day pledged to the peace, prosperity, unity and security of our nation.

It is vital that we look at the human and economic cost of war to realize the urgency to actively pursue peace. The burden of peace-making, peacekeeping and peace building cannot be left to one institution, gender, or political party. It must be a shared responsibility that encompasses all, regardless of race, class, gender or religion.

Each year Unity Day USA is celebrated on the Sunday before September 11th. On this day, Americans of every faith, race, ethnicity, culture and background, gather to pray for the peace, unity and security of our nation and the world.

The theme the 3rd Annual Unity Day USA will be One Nation under God. Leaders will seek guidance and wisdom from their respective faiths. Civil servants and community leaders will echo the same sentiment and suggest ways in which we as individuals can work toward cohesive and thriving local communities.

On behalf of the 30th Congressional District of Texas, I am honored to commend the Foundation of Pluralism on celebrating the 3rd Annual Unity Day USA.